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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SUMMER OF EXCELLENCE IN CHRISMAN

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University's School of Adult and Continuing Education will offer seven classes at Chrisman Grade School as part of its Summer of Excellence/College for Kids program.

Beginning June 19 through July 13 in Chrisman, students, ages 6 to 14, will be able to take a variety of classes, ranging from a basic Spanish class to learning about astronomy at the Starlab Planetarium.

Forty-three other classes for ages two through adults will be offered on the EIU campus in Charleston June 19 through July 27.

A number of partial scholarships are being provided through the Office of the Regional Superintendent of Schools for students attending school in Coles, Cumberland, Clark, Edgar, Moultrie and Shelby counties. These are \$15 scholarships that may be applied to any of the courses offered. All scholarship requests are subject to approval and the availability of funds. General scholarships will be limited to one per family.

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The Summer of Excellence program is intended to provide children with an entertaining yet educational alternative during the summer months. Classes are small, allowing students to learn and explore a particular subject in a friendly, non-competitive atmosphere. Instructors are chosen for their interest and knowledge of subject matter and their ability to develop courses that stimulate and challenge participants.

Registration must be completed one week before the class starts. Registration forms must include the signature of a parent or guardian. Class fees range from \$35 to \$74.

For more information or to request a registration form, contact EIU's School of Adult and Continuing Education at (217) 581-5116.

The following classes will be offered in Chrisman:

- 1) **Spanish Lingo for the Gringo!!**---(ages 10-14) 10:30 a.m. to noon, June 19-29; fee \$48. Instructor John Schoenhoffen will teach students basic Spanish phrases through songs, games, conversation and television. Participants also will learn Hispanic customs, famous holidays and sample the different foods.
- 2) **What's Cooking with Math!**---(ages 7-10) 9 to 11 a.m., June 19-22; fee \$42. Instructor Sharon Lorenzen will help students explore concepts like problem solving, geometry, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, money estimation and Venn Diagrams. Activities with fractions, whole and mixed numbers also will help students learn.

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- 3) **Crafts for Kids: Fiber to Clay!**--(ages 10-13) 9 to 10 a.m., June 19-29; fee \$74. This course will be taught in the Chrisman High School art room. Instructor Ruth Ann Sheehy will help students explore clay and fiber by making pottery and baskets. Participants also will learn various hand-building techniques with clay, fire and glaze pottery.
- 4) **Blast off for the Start!**--(ages 10-12) 9 to 11:30 a.m., June 19-22; fee \$42.50. The class will be held in the Multi-Purpose room at the Chrisman Grade School. Instructor Charlee Wyatt will take the students on the Starship Express through astronomy using the Starlab Planetarium. Participants will be able to view constellations on computer programs.
- 5) **Manners Matter!**--(ages 6-7) 8 to 9 a.m., June 19-29; fee \$48. Instructor Diana Wright will teach mannerly conduct by presenting famous childrens' stories through puppetry, flannel board, role plays and creative movement. Participants will get a chance to create their own book and puppet.
- 6) **Say Hello to Mexico with Basic Spanish!**--(ages 8-10) 8 to 9:30 a.m., June 19-30; fee \$50. Instructor Nancy Collier will help students learn about the language and the country of Mexico. Students also will learn through arts, crafts and food tasting.
- 7) **Bump - Set - Spike It!**--(ages 9-13) 10 a.m. to noon, July 10-13; fee \$35. Instructor Erika Kohlmeyer will show students various skills in playing volleyball as well as creating new ones.